

# Draft Massachusetts Highly Destructive Invasive Species Response Plan

## Invitation to Participate

Department of Conservation  
and Recreation

Department of Agricultural  
Resources

**45 Day Comment Period**

**Draft Massachusetts Highly  
Destructive Invasive  
Species Response Plan**

**Public Meeting:  
December 12, 2007  
6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Sturbridge Host and  
Conference Center, Route  
20, Sturbridge, MA**

**Comments Due:  
January 15 2008**

## Mailed TO:

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You are invited to participate in reviewing and commenting on the ***Draft Massachusetts Highly Destructive Invasive Species Response Plan*** 45-day public comment period. Massachusetts through the Department of Conservation and Recreation and Department of Agricultural Resource and in cooperation with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and USDA Forest Service has prepared a Response Plan that anticipates and addresses forest invasive species that pose a threat to Massachusetts urban and rural forests. The plan calls for the monitoring, early detection, and rapid response to infestation of: Emerald Ash Borer; Asian Long-Horned Beetle; Sudden Oak Death; Sirex Woodwasp; and Hemlock Wooley Adelgid.

You can participate by accessing the Draft Response Plan on the DCR Forestry web page at [www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/index.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/index.htm) or requesting a Draft Response Plan by calling Patricia Dickhaut at (617) 626-1459.

You are also invited to attend an informational meeting on the Draft Response Plan and have the opportunity to provide comments on December 12, 2007 between 6:30 pm and 9:30 pm at The Sturbridge Host and Conference Center, Route 20, Sturbridge, MA.

The 45-Day Public Comment Period closes on January 15, 2007.

After reviewing all comments a final ***Massachusetts Highly Destructive Invasive Species Response Plan*** will be posted on the DCR Forestry web page